SWAMI HARSHANANDA

Swami Harshanandaji, President, Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore, presents Śrī-sāradā-prapattī, his offering to Holy Mother on her 146th birth anniversary, which falls on 29 December this year. The letters with which the first three lines of each stanza begin make up the mantra Om śrī-sāradā-devyai-namo.

ॐकार्येद्र्यं परापराय श्रीमान्कृप्यं परापराय शक्तिः।
सामेत प्रतिमुक्षितं च तत्स्यः
श्रीसारदाभारणी प्रपधो॥

I take refuge at the feet of Sri Sarada Devi who is the Supreme Power of Sri Ramakrishna, who is greater than the greatest and the Truth that can be known through Om (the praṇava). She is the goal of (my life) and the fruit of (my efforts, namely,) mukti or liberation (from transmigratory existence).

रमा लक्ष्मिसि शिवा च वाणी
दशोऽस्मि नित्यं भवेऽर्युक्तः।
देवात्मशकर्जुनं दुर्गवायः
श्रीसारदाभारणी प्रपधो॥

I take refuge at the feet of Sri Sarada Devi who is the soul-power of God, responsible for the creation of the world. (O Mother Sarada!) you are Ramā (Lakṣmi), Śivā (Pārvati) and Vāni (Sarasvati). I, who am afflicted with the illness of samsara (bondage of birth and death), am your eternal slave.

व्याकरणुकं परमं च मनं
नवेश्य वर्गेवित्वं पदेः।
मोहत्त्रमुच्येत नरः स यस्मा:
श्रीसारदाभारणी प्रपधो॥

I take refuge at the feet of Sri Sarada Devi by repeating whose supreme, nine-lettered mantra, Om śrī-sāradā-devyai-namah, which contains the letter vyāi, a human being is freed from all delusion.

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